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SUMMARY: SYG LUNS' OFFICE HAS BEEN PLANNING A ROUTINE LOW-KEY NATO SECURITY INSPECTION IN LISBON AROUND OCTOBER. THE FINAL DECISION ONWHETHER TO PROCEED AND TIMING WILL BE TAKEN BY LUNS AFTER PORTUGUESE AMBASSADOR DE FREITAS CRUZ AND NATO SECURITY DIRECTOR ABIDIAN DISCUSS THE MATTER SHORTLY. ON BASIS OF LATEST PLAN, ONE OR TWO MEMBERS OF ABIDIAN'S STAFF WOULD CONDUCT THE ACTUAL INSPECTION, RATHER THAN ABIDIAN HIMSELF. MOREOVER, THE INSPECTION WOULD BE DESIGNED TO (A) MEET EXISTING STRINGENT NATO REQUIREMENTS FOR AN ANNUAL INSPECTION, (B) INDICATE TO PORTUGUESE AUTHORITIES CONTINUED NATO INTEREST IN EFFECTIVE SECURITY, AND (C) PROVIDE SOME INDICATION OF PROTECTION ACCORDED NATO CLASSIFIED INFORMATION IN PORTUGAL. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFTEL A, WE ADVISED LUNS' OFFICE OF US VIEW THAT DECISION TO CONDUCT INSPECTION SHOULD NOT BE SECRET

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TAKEN WITHOUT REVIEW AND CONSULTATION AMONG ALLIES. END SYMMARY.

1. NATO SECURITY DIRECTOR (ABIDAIN ) TOLD US

SEPTEMBER 22 THAT LATEST PLANS FOR PORUTUUESE SECURITY INSPECTION DID NOT ENTAIL HIS GOING; RATHER THE INSPECTION WOULD BE CONDUCTD BY NATO INSPECTORS FROM HIS OFFICE, AND ABIDIAN'S CURRENT INTENT WAS TO SUGGEST THAT NORWEGIAN AND BELGIAN OFFICER ON SECURITY STAFF COMPROMISE TEAM. HE SAID THAT SYG'S OFFICE HAD AGREED THAT THE INSPECTION SHULD BE LOW-KEY AND BILLED AS A NORMAL ANNUAL INSPECTION IN COMPLINCE WITH EXISTING NATO REGULATIONS CONCERNING THE SECURITY OF NATO ATOMAL AND COSMIC INFORMATION (CM(68)41 AND CM(55)15).

ABIDIAN SAID AMBASSADOR DE FREITAS CRUZ AGEED IN GENERAL WITH THE DESIRABILITY OF A NATO ANNUAL SECURITY INSPECTION IN LISBON, UAND IN THEIR DISCUSSIONS JUNE 24 DE FREITAS CRUZ HAD AGREED THAT AN INSPECTION SHOULD BE MADE IN 1975. FURTHER, THEY AGREED THAT EVEN IF A TRULY USEFUL SURVEY OF CONDITIONS IN PORTUGAL WERE NOT POSSIBLE, ABIDIAN WOULD ENDEAVOR TO KEEP THE BASIS OF THE SECURITY SYSTEM THERE ALIVE BY CONDUCTING A LIMITED "NORMAL" ANNUAL INSPECTION WHICH WOULD IN FACT ONLY BE USED TO VERIFY DOCUMENT HOLDINGS AND PROCEDURES, TO CHECK ON ACTUAL CONDITIONS RELATED TO SECURITY OF CLASSIFIED INFORMATION AND TO ADVISE ON PHYSICAL SECURITY MEASURES.

2. ABIDIAN SAID THAT DE FREITAS CRUZ WILL MEET WITH HIM SOON TO FIRM UP THE INSPECTION SCHEDULE. NO DECISION TO HOLD AN INSPECTION OR ITS TIMING WILL BE MADE UNTIL AFTER THE MEETING.

3. WE RAISED WITH ABIDIAN THE CONCERNS EXPRESSED IN REFTEL A, PARTICULARLY WITH REFERENCE TO THE POTENTIALLY COUNTERPRODUCTIVE RESULTS WHICH COULD ARISE FROM SUCH AN INSPECTION. ABIDIAN NOTED THAT FURTHER RESTRICTIONS ON PORTUGAL REGARDING ACCESS TO CLASSIFIED INFORMATION WILL NOT GO UNNOITICE IN LISBON  
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ONCE THE NEW PROCEDURES (REFTELS) ARE PUT INTO EFFECT IN NATO. HE NOTED, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT SENIOR IS OFFICIALS ARE NOW COMPILING A LIST OF COMMITTEES ON WHICH THE PORTUGUESE AUTHORITIES WILL COUBTLESS LEARN OF THESE NEW RESTRICTIONS ONCE IMPLEMENTED. THUS, IT WOULD BE BETTER IN HIS VIEW TO CARRY ON WITH REGULAR PROCEDURES. FOR THAT REASON, ABIDIAN FELT THAT A LOW-KEY INSPCETION ALSO WOULD BE IN US INTERESTS BECUASE IT WOULD PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY TO SEE HOW WELL PORUTUUESE ARE PROTECTING WHAT THEY ALREADY HAVE; IT WOULD CONVEY TO THE PORTUGUESE CONTINUING ALLIED INTEREST IN SECURITY OF NATO MATERIALS) AND WOULD ACCORD WITH AGREED NATO SECURITY

PROCEDURES.

4. ABIDIAN FAVORS FORMING A TEAM OF TWO STAFF-LEVEL REPRESENTATIVES (BELGIAN AND NORWEGIAN) FROM THE SECURITY DIVISION WHO WOULD GO TO LISBON SOMETIME NEXT MONTH TO CONDUCT THE STRICTLY LOW-KEY INSPECTION. THEY WOULD BE INSTRUCTED TO COMPLETELY AVOID ANY DISCUSSION OF SECURITY POLICY WITH THE PORTUGUESE. ABIDIAN THOUGHT THAT THE TAM REPORT, ONCE CONCLUDED AND SANITIZED, COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PORTUGUESE AUTHORITIES. THE UNSANITIZED VERSION WOULD BE FOR THE INFORMATION OF LUNS AND OTHERS WITH WHOM HE WISHED TO SHARE IT.

5. FOLLOWING MEETING WITH ABIDIAN, WE TALKED TO LISSFELT (US)) OF SYG'S OFFICE, IN ABSENCE OF DIRECTOR OF LUNS' CABINET, VAN CAMPEN, AND EXPLAINED PER REP A US CONCERNS AND DESIRE THAT DECISION ON PORTUGUESE SECURITY INSPECTION BE TAKEN ONLY IN CONSULTATION WITH ALLIES.

6. COMMENT: WE SHARE WASHINGTON'S CONCERNS ABOUT PRECIPITATE INSPECTION AND POSSIBILITY IT COULD BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE. MOREOVER, POSTPONEMENT OF REGU-  
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LAR ANNUAL INSPECTION UNTIL LATER IN 1975 OR EARLY 1976 OR REASONABLE GROUND WOULD NOT BE DIFFICULT TO RIG. HOWEVER, GIVEN VALUE OF UNDERSCORING PROPER NATO SECURITY CONCERNS AGAINST BACKGROUND OF KNOWLEDGE LISBON SORTLY WILL HAVE OF PORTUGUESE EXCLUSION FROM MANY NATO DISCUSSIONS, WE ENVISAGE THAT LUNS AND SOME ALLIES MAY PREFER TO MOVE AHEAD WITH LOW-KEY INSPECTION. ESPECIALLY IF IT WOULD SIGNAL SECURITY STEPS PORTUGAL WOULD NEED EVENTUALLY TO TAKE FOR RETURN FULLY TO THE NATO FOLD. SHOULD DE FREITAS CRUZ AGREE, IT WILL BE THAT MUCH HARDER FOR US TO RESIST THIS VIEW. HOWEVER, IF DEPARTMENT CONTINUES TO PREFER THAT WE TEMPORIZE, WE SHOULD BEGIN NOW WITH LUNS AND OTHER DELEGATIONS TO MAKE CLEAR WE PREFER TO DEFER INSPECTION. REQUEST GUIDANCE.  
END COMMENT.  
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